

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Restriction, filed on 01/27/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4.
3. The drawings filed on 29 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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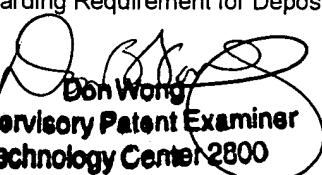
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date 08/29/03
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.


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Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-4 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art made of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art fails to teach, in combination with the remaining elements as recited in claims 1, 3, and 4:

The present invention is directed to vehicular radio wave receiver provided inside a vehicle that has a panel as a body of the vehicle and a window linked with the panel at an edge of the panel.

Regarding to claim 1, Prior Arts fail to teach a dielectric antenna that has a shape of a pole and receives a signal to send the signal to the to the circuit board, wherein the circuit board is disposed close to the edge of the panel so that the ground pattern closely faces an inner surface of the panel; and the dielectric antenna is axially disposed along the window as extending from a peripheral portion of the circuit board close to the edge of the panel.

Regard to claim 3, Prior Art fails to teach that a vehicular radio wave receiver provided inside a vehicle that has a panel as a body of the vehicle and a window linked with the panel at an edge of the panel which includes a circuit board having a receiving circuit on a first surface of the circuit board and a ground pattern on a second surface that is opposite to the first surface; and a dielectric antenna

Regard to claim 4, Prior Arts fail to teach the dielectric antenna is disposed as extending from a peripheral portion of the circuit board to an outside of the circuit board to an outside of the circuit board in a lateral direction of the circuit board, and the ground pattern of the circuit board is an elongate from extended in a direction opposite to the dielectric antenna so that the dielectric antenna and the ground pattern function as element of a dipole antenna.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Turnbull (US 6431712 B1) teaches an automotive rearview mirror assembly including a helical antenna with a non-circular cross section.

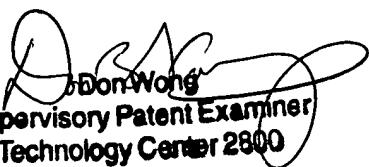
Nguyen et al (US 6538609 B2) teach a vehicle antenna mounting system with DC and RF coupling.

Inquires

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huedung Cao whose telephone number is (571) 272-1939.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong, can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

5. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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